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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

EGAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/848,109

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**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
DETECTION OF MULTIPLE SMALL DEFECTS  
IN A FLAW SCAN DETECTION SYSTEM**

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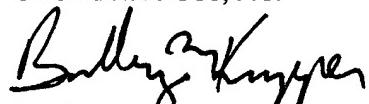
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